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# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON FEBRUARY 23, 2012

Commission Chairman John D. Quackenbush called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Executive Secretary Mary Jo Kunkle called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

### **PRESENT**

Commission: John D. Quackenbush, Chairman

Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Commissioner Greg R. White, Commissioner

Staff: Blair Renfro

Mary Jo Kunkle Sharron Allen Robert Nichols Catherine Bowers

Lisa Felice Debra Berry

Mignon Middlebrook Dolores A. Midkiff-Powell Theresa McMillan-Sepkoski

Kevin Krause

Public: Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA

Robin Gleason, AT&T Jim Padgett, DTE Energy Marie Wayman, DTE Energy B.K. Roberts, Consumers Energy Tim Hoffman, Consumers Energy

Emily Lawler, MIRS

**I.** Commissioner Isiogu moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White

Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

**II.** Commissioner Isiogu moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of February 15, 2012, Commissioner White seconded.

 $\begin{array}{ll} Vote: & Yeas-Quackenbush, Isiogu, White \\ & Nays-None \end{array}$ 

The minutes were approved.

### III. ORDERS

### A. COMMUNICATIONS

1.	U-11425	CMC TELECOM, INC.
	U-11700	1-800-RECONEX, INC., f/k/a STERLING INTERNATIONAL
		FUNDING, INC.
	U-12057	ZENK GROUP, LTD., d/b/a PLANET ACCESS
	U-12469	AMERICAN FIBER NETWORK, INC.
	U-12742	CALL GIANT INC., f/k/a BELL CONNECT, INC.
	U-13468	UNIVERSAL TELECOM, INC.
	U-13538	TROPHY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
	U-13669	PHONECO, L.P.
	U-13757	SPECIALIZED SERVICES, INC., d/b/a SSI AFFINITY
	U-13828	GVC NETWORKS, LLC
	U-13957	GLOBAL TELDATA II, LLC
	U-14113	CMC TELECOM, INC.
	U-14364	EMPIRE ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
	U-14639	AIRDIS, LLC, d/b/a AIRDIS TELECOM
	U-14937	CLOSECALL AMERICA, INC.
	U-14967	VOIP TELECOM, LLC
	U-15023	ZENK GROUP, LTD., d/b/a PLANET ACCESS
	U-15116	TELE-RECONNECT, INC.
	U-15137	NATIONAL GRID COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
	U-15189	COMMUNICATION LINES INC.
	U-15337	TROPHY TECHNOLOGIES, INC., d/b/a RURAL
		COMMUNICATIONS
	U-15739	SOLARITY COMMUNICATIONS LLC
	U-15916	NSW TELECOM, INC.
	U-16895	1-800-RECONEX, INC., f/k/a STERLING INTERNATIONAL
		FUNDING, INC., AIRDIS, LLC, d/b/a AIRDIS TELECOM,
		AMERICAN FIBER NETWORK, INC., CALL GIANT, INC., f/k/a
		BELL CONNECT, INC., CLOSECALL AMERICA, INC., CMC
		TELECOM, INC., COMMUNICATION LINES INC., EMPIRE ONE
		TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., GLOBAL TELEDATA II, LLC,
		GVC NETWORKS, LLC, NATIONAL GRID COMMUNICATIONS
		INC., NSW TELECOM, INC., PHONECO, L.P., SOLARITY
		COMMUNICATIONS LLC, SPECIALIZED SERVICES, INC., d/b/a
		SSI AFFINITY, TELE-RECONNECT, INC., TROPHY

TECHNOLOGIES, INC., d/b/a RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, UNIVERSAL TELECOM, INC., VOIP TELECOM, LLC, AND ZENK GROUP, LTD., d/b/a PLANET ACCESS (license revocations)

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which are cases in which the Commission has granted a license to provide basic local exchange service. Case No. U-16895 is a proceeding on the Commission's own motion. The order before you revokes the licenses of 17 providers, and dismisses the proceedings for three providers, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-16928 TCG DETROIT (license expansion)

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which involves a request to expand the geographic service area of a license to provide basic local exchange service. The order before you grants the license expansion, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-16946 MIDWESTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. (investigation)

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which involves a notice of terminating basic local exchange and toll service within Michigan filed by Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. The order before you commences an investigation and orders the company to show cause why it should not be found in violation of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

# 4. U-16947 ACD TELECOM, INC., CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TC3 TELECOM, INC., AND TELNET WORLDWIDE, INC. (declaratory ruling)

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which is an application for declaratory ruling filed by ACD Telecom, Inc., Clear Rate Communications, Inc., TC3 Telecom, Inc., and TelNet Worldwide, Inc. The order before you dismisses the proceeding at the request of the applicants, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

#### B. ELECTRIC

# 1. U-12486 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION (mercury emissions reports)

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which involves reporting required by electrical power generating facilities to show compliance with federal mercury emissions standards. The order before you sets May 23, 2012 as the deadline for submission of reports showing how generators will comply with new federal standards, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

### 2. U-16898 DR. ALEXANDRA BEDFORD v CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which involves a complaint filed by Dr. Alexandra Bedford against Consumers Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

### 3. U-16944 GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE (member-regulation)

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which involves the election of the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Energy Cooperative to become member-regulated. The order before you determines that the cooperative shall become member-regulated on March 20, 2012, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

# 4. U-16950 MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE (special contract)

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which involves an application by Midwest Energy Cooperative for *ex parte* approval of a second amendment to a special customer electric service agreement between Midwest and Green Plains Holdings II LLC. The order before you approves the application, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

### C. GAS

# 1. U-16855 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY (self-implementation)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the distribution of natural gas and for other relief. The order before you allows Consumers Energy

Company to self-implement a \$23 million rate increase on and after March 1, 2012, Chairman Quackenbush seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White Concurring Opinion – White Dissenting Opinion - Isiogu Nays – Isiogu

The order was adopted.

### D. MOTOR CARRIER

1. T-1863 CHAMPION'S AUTO FERRY, INC. (rates)

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated February 23, 2012 which involves an application by Champion's Auto Ferry, Inc., to increase its rates, fares, and charges. The order before you dismisses the application upon stipulation of the parties, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chairman Quackenbush announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on March 8, 2012.

Commissioner Isiogu moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, Isiogu, White Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Mary Jo Kunkle Executive Secretary